(domestic) through the distributors of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies, keeping in view the availability of LPG, equipments and other infrastructure facilities. The plan for the year 2001 is yet to be approved.

(c) and (d) LPG distributors of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies are under instructions to maintain a minimum gap of 21 days between the supply of two consecutive LPG refills to a customer.

Reduction of taxes on crude oil processing

†1708. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
"LALAN": SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to slate:

(a) whether Government have been requested to reduce the various taxes, cesses etc. on the crude oil and its various products during the process of their production;

(b) if so, what extent the prices of the products are affected due to the all above taxes;

(c) the taxes, cesses which are levied by Government on the above products alongwith the extent of such taxes; and

(d) whether Government are considering to reduce the rate of these taxes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The combined impact of the duties of excise and sales taxes in retail selling prices of petrol, diesel, PDS kerosene and domestic LPG in Delhi is 30.74%, 25.37%, 10.34% and 13.37% respectively. Customs duty rates have an impact on the subsidies/cross subsidies on the price administered petroleum products.

(c) The rates of the duties of customs and excise levied by the Central Government and the sales taxes levied by State Governments on price administered products are given in Statement-I and II, respectively *{see* below).

(d) The Central Government reduced the duty of customs on crude oil from 15% to 10% and on major petroleum products from 25% to 20% effective

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

September 30,2000. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, in September 2000, had written to Chief Ministers of all the States for making suitable reductions in the sales tax rates on petroleum products. Government of Goa have reduced sales tax on petrol and diesel by 3% with effect from November 15,2000. Matter is being pursued with the other States.

Statement-I

Customs duty, CVD &. Excise Duty on Major Controlled Petroleum ProductsW.E.F. 30.9.2000

(A)ON IMPORTED CONTROLLED PRODUCTS

	CUSTOMS DUTY	CVD
Domestic LPG	10%	8%
PDS Kerosene	0%	8%
Diesel (HSD)	20% plus Rs.l/-Per litre Additional Duty	12%
Petrol (MS)	20% plus Rs.l/-Per litre Additional Duty	16%
ATF (Domestic)	20%	16%
(B) On indigenous	Controlled Products Excise Duty	
Domestic LPG	8%	
PDS Kerosene	8%	
Diesel (HSD)	12% plus Rs.l/Per litre Additional Excise Duty	
Petrol (MS)	16% plus Rs.l/Per litre Additional Excise Duty	
ATF (Domestic)	16%	

Statement-II

Tax Rates on Controlled Petroleum Products-As on 0J. 11.2000

%AGE

PARTICULARS	MS	HSD	SKO	LPG	ATF
MAHARASHTRA					
Sales Tax	29.00	31.00	4.00	8.00	25.00
Tax Surcharge on Sales Tax Mumbai	30.00	34.00	10.00		
TOT-			1.00		
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable: Purchase Tax				4.00	
CST-4%					
GUJARAT					
Sale tax	20.00	18.00	0.00	14.00	23.00
Additional Surcharge	20.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	20.00
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable: Turnover Tax	2.00	2.00			2.00
CST-4%					
MADHYA PRADESH					
Sales Tax	25.00	25.00	2.00	12.00	20.00
Surcharge on S.Tax	0.00	0.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Entry Tax				1.00	
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable: Terminal Tax				Rsl5/MT	
GOA					
Sales Tax	20.00	18.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable: Additional Tax	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
CST 4%					
UTTAR PRADESH					
Sales Tax	20.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	20.00
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable: CST-4%					
DELHI					
Sales Tax	20.00	12.00	4.00	8.00	20.00
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable: CST-4%					

%AGE

PARTICULARS	MS	HSD	SKO	LPG	ATF
HIMACHAL PRADESH					
Sales Tax	20.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	20.00
JAMMU& KASHMIR					
Sales Tax	20.00	12.00	4.00	12.00	20.00
Surcharge on S.Tax			5.00	5.00	5.00
PUNJAB					
Sales Tax	20.00	8.00	20.00	10.00	20.00
Surcharge on S.Tax	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Cess	1.00				
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable:					
CST-4%					
RAJASTHAN					
Sales Tax	22.00	16.00	8.00	12.00	20.00
Surcharge on S.Tax	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable:					
TOTAL	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
HARYANA					
Sales Tax	20.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	20.00
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable:					
CST-4%					
ANDHRA PRADESH					
Sales Tax	30.55	19.33	8.00	16.00	30.55
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable:					
Purchase Tax	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
CST-4%					
TAMIL NADU					
Sale tax	24.00	18.00	4.00	8.00	24.00
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable:					
Additional Tax	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Purchase Tax (Incldg. TOT)	8.00	8.00	7.00	8.00	8.00
CST-4%					
KERALA					
Sales Tax	23.00	20.00	8.00	12.00	30.00
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable:					
Turnover Tax	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
CST-4%					

%age

PARTICULARS	MS	HSD	SKO	LPG	ATF
KARNATAKA					
Sales Tax	22.00	15.50	4.00	10.00	22.00
Entry Tax	2.00	4.00			
Cess	Rs.250/ KL	Rsiay KL	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable:					
Turnover Tax	3.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Purchase Tax	22.00	4.00	10.00	10.00	22.00
Cess on Purchase Tax	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
CST-4%					
ORISSA					
Sales Tax	20.00	18.00	0.00	12.00	20.00
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable:					
Surcharge on Sales Tax	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
CST-4%					
ASSAM					
Sales Tax	20.00	12.00	4.00	12.00	20.00
Additional Tax	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable:					
CST-4%					
BIHAR					
Sales Tax	20.00	15.00	6.00	9.00	25.00
Additional Tax	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable:					
Surcharge on S.Tax Plus					
Addl. Tax	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
CST-4%					
W.BENGAL					
Sales Tax	20.00	12.55	4.55	17.00	25.00
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable					
Additional Tax	20.00	20.00			20.00
CST.-4%					
MANIPUR					
Sales Tax	20.00	12.00	4.00	8.00	20.00
NAGALAND					
Sales Tax	20.00	12.00	5.00	8.00	15.00

PARTICULARS	MS	HSD	SKO	LPG	ATF
TRIPURA					
Sales Tax	20.00	5.00	5.00	12.00	20.00
Irrecoverable/Non Recoverable:					
Additional Tax	0.50.	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50

Notes:

Chattisgarh and Uttaranchal States have not notified Tax levies so far.Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation levies cess on MS and HSD imported into Municipal limits of Navi Mumbai. The rate is 1% for sales within Municipal limits and 0.1% for sales outside.There is a tax rebate of Rs. 17/KL on MS sales in West Bengal Sales Tax rate on MS and HSD in Mumbai. Thane and Navi Mumbai is 30% and 34% respectively.Above data is as furnished by HPCL.

Development of Ratna R-Series Oil Fields by Essar **Oil**

1709. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Consortium led by Essar Oil has submitted any concrete plan to Empowered Committee for development of Ratna R-Series oil fields; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the number of extension of time given to the Consortium in this regard; and

(b) whether Government still consider it fit not to cancel the award which has been hanging fire for the last several years and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) The award for Ratna & R-Series Fields was made to the Consortium of Essar Oil and Premier Oil Pic, U.K. against International Competitive Bidding based on the work programme, etc. given in the bid. Due to review of the discovered field policy by the Government, the discussions on the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) started in December, 1999 and after a number of sittings, the negotiations have been concluded. The implementation of work programme will start only after signing of the PSC and therefore, extension of time for implementation of work programme does not arise.